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SELECTED CHARACI RISTICS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS (PRINCIPALS): 1987-88

#### Introduction

This report on public and private school administrators presents data on personal characteristics, salary and benefits received, highest degree earned, and years of experience. The data were collected on the School Administrator Questionnaire, one of seven questionnaires comprising the 1987-88 Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS), a survey developed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics, and conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. This report provides National estimates for all data, and State estimates for public school administrators' salary, highest degree earned, and years of experience.

The SASS was a mail survey which collected public and private sector data on the Nation's elementary and secondary teaching force, aspects of teacher supply and demand, teacher workplace conditions, characteristics of school administrators, and school policies and practices. The seven questionnaires of the SASS are as follows:

- 1. The Teacher Demand and Shortage Questionnaire for Public School Districts (LEA's).
- 2. The Teacher Demand and Shortage Questionnaire for Private Schools.
- 3. The School Administrator Questionnaire.
- 4. The Public School Questionnaire.
- 5. The Private School Questionnaire.
- 6. The Public School Teachers Questionnaire.
- 7. The Private School Teachers Questionnaire.

The survey methodology is described in the Technical Notes section which follows presentation of the tables.



Table 1.--Number of school administrators by selected characteristics: 1987-88

Characteristic	Public	Private
Total administrators	77,890	25,401
Sex		
Male	58,585	12,131
Female	19,118	13,243
Not reported	~~	15,245
Race		
American Indian,		
Aleut, Eskimo	821	
Asian or		
Pacific Islander	434	
Black	6,696	771
White	69,048	24,056
Not reported	890	
Ethnic origin		
Hispanic	2,483	629
Non-Hispanic	73,245	24,167
Not reported	2,162	604
Age		
Under 40	14,430	7,608
40 to 44	17,755	5,352
45 to 49	16,408	4,497
50 to 54	14,936	2,979
55 or over	13,891	4,703
Not reported	469	. ; · • •
egion		
Northeast	13,854	6,299
Midwest	22,465	7,644
South	25,890	6,995
West	15,680	4,463

<sup>--</sup> Too few sample cases (fewer than 30) for a reliable estimate.

NOTE: Details may not add to totals due to rounding or missing values in cells with too few sample cases, or item nonresponse.

NOTE: Cell entries may be underestimates due to item nonresponse (Not reported).

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "Schools and Staffing Survey, 1987-88".



Table 2.--Number of school administrators, by highest degree earned and by selected characteristics: 1987-88

Characteristic	Total	degr <b>ee</b>	Asso- ciate	Bache- lor's	Master's	Education <b>specialist</b>	Doctor- ate*
Public							
Total administrators	77,890			1,886	41,587	27,375	6,960
Sex							
Male Female	58,585 19,118			1,099 755	32,603 8,911	20,071 7,231	4,787 2,163
Race							
American Indian,							
Aleut, Eskimo Asian or	821	~-			420		
Pacific Islander	434				229	145	
Black White	6,6yù		49 🖴	1 750	3,445	2,472	770
MIII CE	69,048			1,758	37,071	24,194	5,943
Ethnic origin							
Hispanic Non-Hispanic	2,483				1,347	750	276
Non-Hispanic	73,245			1,729	39,152	25,807	6,476
Age							
Under 40	14,430			515	7,889	4,865	1,162
40 to 44	17,755			356	8,702	7,044	1,642
45 to 49 50 to 54	16,408 14,936			222	8,658	5,879	1,568
55 or over -	13,891			332 370	8,459 7,759	4,955 4,397	1,180 1,328
Private							
Total administrators	25,401	727		6,530	12,964	3,097	1,608
Sex							
Ma le	12,131			3,188	6,019	1,187	1,106
Female	13,243			3,334	6,925	1,910	502
lace							
American Indian,							
Aleut, Eskimo							
Asian or							
Pacific Islander Black	771				424		
White	24,056	700		6,224	434 12,257	2,961	1,460
'Abaia amiaia				• • •		-,	-,
Ethnic origin Hispanic	629						
Non-Hispanic	24,167	718		6,150	12,344	2,976	1 526
•		/10		0,130	16,044	2,9/0	1,536
lge	<b>n</b> 400				_		
Under 40	7.608			2,629	3,505	569	266
40 to 44 45 to 49	5,352 4,407	₩ =		1,145	3,025	746	319
50 to 54	4,497 2,979			1,143 661	2,168 1,652	657	369
55 or over	4,703		~-	860	2,539	333 723	205 433

<sup>\*</sup> Includes a very small number of law and medicine degree recipients.



<sup>--</sup> Too few sample cases (fewer than 30) for a reliable estimate.

NOTE: Details may not add to totals due to rounding or missing values in cells with too few sample cases, or item nonresponse.

NOTE: Cell entries may be underestimates due to item nonresponse.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "Schools and Staffing Survey,  $1^{\circ}87-88$ ".

Table 3.--Average years of experience of school administrators, by selected characteristics: 1987-68

Characteristic	As a principal	Other elementary/ secondary administration	Teach- ing	Other elementary/ secondary experience	Outside elementary/ secondary education
Public			·	<del> </del>	
Total administrators	10.0	2.6	9.8	1.2	1.0
Sex Male Female	11.2 6.1	2.6 2.5	9.0 12.3	1.0 1.5	1.1 1.0
Race American Indian Aleut, Eskimo	9.9	2.8	9.1	1.8	1.3
Asian or Pacific Islander Black White	7.7 8.8 10.1	2.7 3.1 2.5	10.8 11.8 9.6	1.8 1.7 1.1	0.4 1.2 1.0
Etinic origin Hispanic Non-Hispanic	6.6 10.0	3.1 2.6	9.8 9.8	2.3 1.1	1.3 1.0
Age Under 40 40 to 44 45 to 49	4.3 6.8 10.0	1.6 2.5 2.8	7.8 9.2 10.3	0.9 1.2 1.2	0.7 1.0 0.9
50 tu 54 55 or over	13.2 16.5	3.0 3.0	10.6 11.4	1.3	1.3
Private					
Total administrators  Sex	8.0	1.7	9.8	0.9	2.4
Male Female	8.1 7.8	1.9 1.5	6.8 12.5	0.9 1.0	3.3 1.5
Race American Indian Aleut, Eskimo Asian or					
Pacific Islander Black White	6.8 8.0	2.5 1.7	10.2 9.8	1.6 0.9	2.6 2.3
Ethnic origin Hispanic Non-Hispanic	8.0 7.9	2.4 1.7	11.1 9.7	1.1	2.2 2.4
Age Under 40 40 to 44 45 to 49 50 to 54 55 or over	4.2 6.4 8.1 10.7 14.1	0.9 1.4 1.9 2.0 2.9	5.5 9.5 10.5 12.3 14.4	0.6 1.1 1.0 0.8 1.4	1.8 1.9 2.7 2.2 3.7

<sup>--</sup> Too few sample cases (fewer than 30) for a reliable estimate.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "Schools and Staffing Survey, 1987-88".

Table 4.--Average annual salary of school administrators, by length of work year and by selected characteristics: 1987-88

		Mont	hs
- Characteristic	Ten or fewer	Eleven	Twelve
Public			
Total administrators Average Salary	20,508 \$38,726	24,275 \$41,563	32,645 \$44,252
Sex Male Female	39,143 37,643	41,488 41,562	44,509 43,241
Race American Indian Aleut, Eskimo			43,706
Asian Pacific Islander Black White	41,581 42,796 38,136	42,843 41,397	43,319 44,319
Ethnic origin Hispanic Non-Hispanic	40,394 38,536	42,235 41,521	46,770 44,192
Age Under 40 40 to 44 45 to 49 50 to 54 55 or over	34,901 37,872 39,004 40,377 42,272	37,885 40,225 42,316 43,454 44,080	39,359 43,351 45,249 45,884 46,999
Private			
Total administrators Average Salary	6,124 13,182	3,194 23,505	15,679 22,651
ex Male Female	13,963 12,784	32,553 18,863	25,752 18,693
ace American Indian Aleut, Eskimo			
Asian or Pacific Islander Black White	12,853	23,582	21,895 22,746
thnic Hispanic Non-Hispanic	13,023	23,185	23,101 22,580
ge Under 40 40 to 44 45 to 49 50 to 54 55 or over	15,658 13,965 12,466 11,944 10,465	23,390 22,022 23,971 23,171 25,565	20,024 24,980 25,287 23,443 22,197

<sup>--</sup> Too few sample cases (fewer than 30) for a reliable estimate.



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "Schools and Staffing Survey, 1987-88".

Table 5.--Number of school administrators, by benefits received and by sector: 1987-88

Benefit	Public	Private
Total Administrators	77,890	25,401
using or		
housing expenses	816	7,350
ls	1,369	2,931
ition for		
children		5,925
llege tuition		
for self	7,352	3,697
neral medical		
insurance	66,466	16,956
tal insurance	47,226	7,980
up life		
insurance	51,890	8,443
insportation/		
car expenses	27,250	8,154
sion		
contributions	45,558	10,381
e of the above	3,811	3,221

<sup>--</sup> Too few sample cases (fewer than 30) for a reliable estimate.

Note: Details do not add to totals due to multiple responses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "Schools and Staffing Survey, 1987-88".



Table 6.--Number of public school administrators, by highest degree earned and by State: 1987-88

State	Total	<b>No</b> degr <b>ee</b>	Asso- ciate	Bache- lor' <b>s</b>	Master's	Education specialist	Doctor at <b>e</b> *
50 States and D.C.	77,890	20		1,886	41,587	27,375	6,960
Alabama	1,362				551	760	
Alaska	449				<b>258</b>	,	
Arizona	963				554	284	
Arkansas	1,035	<b></b>			548	441	
California	6,994			582	3,905	1,782	725
Colorado	1,206				636	307	264
Connecticut	944					686	
De laware	162				75		
District of Columbia	182				117		
Florida	2,086	er #			1,499	349	
Georgia	1,729				502	996	
Hawa i i	234						
Idaho	524				339		
Illinois	3,744				2,254	1,055	436
Indiana	1,838				685	990	430
Iowa	1,412				915	378	
Kansas	1,404		<b></b>		1,039		
Kansus Kentucky	1,363				-	1 141	
ouisiana.	1,418				700	1,141	
ta ine	704	~-	. •		709	653	
and Aaryland				·	422		
	1,185			- <b>-</b>	763		
lassachusetts	1,743			\frac{1}{2}	936	576	
lichigan	3,194				1,943	81?	319
innesota	1,353				431	768	
lississippi _	879				495	345	
lissouri	1,962				1,037	657	
lontana	581				463		
lebraska 1844 -	933				502	317	
levada	279				191		
lew Hampshire	432				256		
lew Jersey	2,222				1,272	592	345
lew Mexico	633				408		
lew York	3,902				1,361	1,990	499
orth Carolina	1,921				880	891	
lorth Dakota	477				304		
lhio	3,747				2,682	<b>82</b> 7	
lk lahoma	1,756				853	775	
regon	1,192				566	421	
ennsylvania	3,248				1,219	1,674	305
hode Island	287				202	-,0/	
outh Carolina	1,098				514	482	
outh Dakota	562				483	702	
ennessee	1,596				807	559	
'exas	5,326						227
itah	662				2,735	2,192	337
ermont	374				216	319	
irginia	1,729				236		
iryiiia Inchinaton			₩.		1,187	333	
lashington	1,618				1,043	422	
lest Virginia	1,063				709	306	
iscons in	1.837		~-		1,302	456	
lyoming	344	pg 40			225		

<sup>\*</sup>Includes a very mall number of law and medicine degree recipients.



<sup>--</sup> Too few sample cases (fewer than 30) for a reliable estimate.

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "Schools and Staffing Survey, 1987-88".

Table 7.--Average years of experience of public school administrators, by State: 1987-88

50 States and D.C. Alabeid Alaska Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Connecticut	10.7 6.7 8.8 10.3 8.4 9.7	2.6 1.9 2.5 2.4 1.8 3.8	9.8 9.7 9.0 10.1	1.2 1.2 0.6	1.0
Alaska Arizona Arkansas California Colorado	6.7 8.8 10.3 8.4 9.7	2.5 2.4 1.8	9.0		οη
Arizona Arkansas California Colorado	6.7 8.8 10.3 8.4 9.7	2.5 2.4 1.8	9.0		
Arkansas California Colorado	8.8 10.3 8.4 9.7	2.4 1.8			3.2
California Colorado	8.4 <b>9.</b> 7	1.8		1.1	1.9
Colorado	9.7	2 Ω	9.1	0.5	0.9
	y. /	3.0	10.6	1.8	1.4
	11 E	3.1	9.4	0.9	1.2
De laware	11.5 10.4	3.0 3.2	10.4	0.8	0.6
District of Columbia	9.9	3.2 2.4	8.8 11.5	1.2	2.0
Florida	9.9 8.5 9.3	2.4 2.9	10.7	1.6 1.4	1.5 1.1
Georgia	9.3	2.5	10.1	1.0	0.7
Hawa 11	8.1	2.5 3.2	11.3	2.0	0.3
Idaho	9.5	1.6	8.6	0.9	2.2
Illinois Indiana	10.8	2.8	9.7	1.2	1.0
Iowa	12.3 13.2	2.2	9.3	1.3	1.0
Kansas	11.8	1.8 1.8	8.6	1.2	0.5
Kentucky	9.7	2.1	9.1 10.1	0.9	0.9
Louisiana	7.7	2.5	12.6	1.0 1.9	0.9
Maine	8.7	2.1	9.2	0.9	0.7 1.4
Maryland	10.8	3.4	10.0	2.0	0.6
Massachusetts	12.2	2.4	10.5	1.4	1.2
Michigan	10.7	2.7	9.1	1.1	1.1
Minnesota Mississippi	12.6	1.8	8.4	0.8	0.8
Missouri	9.7 10.5	1.8	10.7	1.2	0.8
Montana	9.6	2.î 2.8	8.8	1.3	1.2
Nebraska	11.8	2.6	8.3 8.3	1.0 0.5	1.6
Nevada	10.6	2.8	8.8	1.3	1.0 1.6
New Hampshire	9.3	2.1	9.4	0.8	0.6
New Jersey	11.4	3.1	10.1	0.9	0.7
New Mexico	8.8	2.2	9.2	2.3	1.1
New York North Carolina	9.7	3.7	10.9	1.2	0.7
North Dakota	11.2 9.9	2.0	9.5	0.7	1.0
Ohio	8.9	2.1	8.2	0.2	0.8
Ok lahoma	8.5	2.0 1.2	9.7 8.7	1.2	1.3
Oregon	8,2	1.2 3.5 1.9	9.8	1.8	1.0 0.9
Pennsylvania	11.0	1.9	9.9	0.9	0.9
Rhode Island	8.6	2.7	13.1	1.0	1.1
South Carolina South Dakota	10.8	2.2	8.7	0.9	1.1
Tennessee	10.9 10.1	2.3	8.9	0.5	0.8
Texas	8.5	1.4 2.9	10.3	0.8	1.2
Utah	7.6	3.1	10.7 10.3	1.3	1.2
Vermont	7 <b>.</b> 6	1.9	9.2	0.8 0.7	1.1
Virginia	9.5	3.5	9.0	0.7	1.1 0.8
Washington	9.8	2.5	8.9	1.1	1.0
West Virginia	11.0	1.4	8.4	0.5	0.6
Wisconsin Wyoming	11.8 9.5	2.6 2.5	9.6 9.3	0.8 0.6	1.0

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "Schools and Staffing Survey, 1987-88".

Table 8.--Average annual salary of public school administrators, by length of work year and by State: 1987-88

<u> </u>		Monti	hs
State	len or fewe:	E leven	Twelve
Tota: administrators 50 States and D.C.	20,508 \$50,726	24,275 \$41,563	32,645 \$44,252
Alabama	31,483		36,819
Alaska	56,259		
Arizona			45,542
Arkansas	29,985	30,608	32,359
California	46,089	49,823	52,325
Colorado	40,559	46,507	
Connecticut			51,262
Delaware	••-		49,506
District of Columbia			45,403
Florida		42,065	45,711
Georgia		39,904	45,124
Hawaii	39,738	~=	<b></b>
Idaho	32,255		
Illinois	37,958	42,411	48,114
Indiana	38,332	40,742	47,092
Iowa	33,580	38,023	41,788
Kansas	36,376	39,593	
Kentucky		35,285	39,823
Lous iana	32,834	32,309	34,535
Maine	27,819		35,361
Maryland			48,106
Massachusetts	38,798	45,319	45,853
Michigan -	43,720	45,076	46,712
Minnesota	41,016	45,909	47,667
Mississippi		31,335	33,073
Missouri	32,376	37,823	39,424
Montana	34,093		
Nebraska	32,189	37,112	
levada		48,234	
New Hampshire			38,115
New Jersey			53,056
lew Mexico	34,765	38,182	36,221
Yew York	54,607	52,601	50,814
forth Carolina			40,539
lorth Dakota	28,235		**
Dhio	39,098	40,161	43,912
)k lahoma	30,670	34,235	34,375
regon	36,614	40,715	40,793
Pennsylvania	40,639		42,711
Chode Island			42,882
South Carolina		39,358	42,537
South Dakota	25,973		
ennessee	27,430	34,641	38,833
exas	38,076	38,961	43,146
Itah		38,446	39,017
/ermont	***		36,898
/irginia	**		42,667
lash ington	42,472	44,781	44,965
lest Virginia	20 047	32,530	**-
lisconsin Lyoming	39,047	39,793	42,949
41.01 11 1 1 TV 1	41,147		

<sup>--</sup> Too few sample cases (fewer than 30) for a reliable estimate.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "Schools and Staffing Survey, 1987-88".

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Table 9.--Standard errors for school administrators key statistics: 1987-88

Characteristic	Public	Private
Sex		
Male	457	EEA
Female	407	554 447
Race		
American Indian,		
Aleut, Eskimo	118	46
Asian or		. 40
Pacific Islander	59	78
Black White	230	133
wnite	398	706
thnic origin		
Hispanic	143	166
Non-Hispanic	287	666
umber of administrators		
by degree		
No degree	31	201
Associate degree	11	132
Bachelor's degree	196	522
Master's degree Education specialist	375	351
Doctorate	404	213
- · · · · · ·	264	141
verage years experience		
As a principal	0.09	0.18
Other elementary/		0.10
secondary administrator Teaching	0.04	0.10
Other elementary/	0.05	0.22
Secondary experience	0.04	
Other elementary/	0.04	0.09
secondary education	0.03	0.22
erage annual salary by		<del> </del>
length of work year		
ien or fewer months	235	602
Eleven months	217	603 817
Twelve months	147	81 <i>7</i> 486
erage hours worked per week		
on school related activities		
Total	0.18	0.61
	0.10	0.01

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey, 1987-88.



#### Technical Notes

#### Sample selection

Questionnaires were mailed to the administrators of all 9,317 public and 3,513 private schools in the school samples. The public school sample was selected from the Quality Education Data (QED) file of public schools. All public schools in the file were stratified by the 50 States and the District of Columbia, and then by three grade levels (elementary, secondary, and combined). Within each stratum the schools were sorted by urbanicity, zip code (first two digits), highest grade in the school, and enrollment. For each stratum within each State, sample schools were selected by systematic (interval) sampling with probability proportional to the square root of the number of teachers within a school.

The private school sample was selected primarily from the QED file of private schools. To improve coverage, two additional steps were taken. The first step was to update the QED file with current lists of schools from 17 private school associations. All private schools on the QED file and the lists from the private school associations were then stratified by the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Within each State and the District of Columbia, schools were further stratified by three grade levels (elementary, secondary, and combined), and by thirteen affiliation groups. Within each stratum the schools were sorted by urbanicity, zip code (first two digits), highest grade in the school, and enrollment. Sample schools were then selected by systematic (interval) sampling within each stratum with probability proportional to the square root of the number of teachers. The second step was to include an area frame sample, contained in 75 Primary Sampling Units (PSU's), each PSU consisting of a county or group of counties. Within each PSU, an attempt was made to find all eligible (in scope) private schools. A telephone search was made, using such sources as yellow pages, Non-Roman Catholic religious institutions, local education agencies, chamber of commerce, local government offices, commercial milk companies, and commercial real estate offices. Roman Catholic religious institutions were not contacted because QED calls each The PSU's were Catholic diocese during its annual list update. stratified by Census geographic region: Northeast, Midwest, South, and West; Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) status, and private school enrollment. These PSU's were selected from the universe of 2,497 PSU's with probability proportional to the square root of the PSU population. All schools not on the QED file or the lists from the private school associations were eligible to



The other SASS samples were as follows: 5594 public school districts, 56,242 public school teachers, and 11,529 private school teachers.

be selected for the area frame sample. Schools in the area frame that could be contacted were sampled with probability proportional to the square root of the number of teachers. A systematic equal promability sample was then drawn from the schools in the area frame that could not be contacted.

The School Administrato: Questionnaire was mailed to the administrator of each sampled school in February 1988. A second questionnaire was mailed to all nonrespondents in March, and a telephone followup on nonrespondents was conducted during April, May, and June.

#### Questionnaire response rates

The weighted responses were calculated using the sampling weights. Weighted response rates for the School Administrator Questionnaire were 94.4 percent for public school administrators and 79.3 percent for private school administrators.

#### Item descriptions

The School Administrator Questionnaire is shown in the Appendix. Specific data items in the tables and the corresponding questionnaire items are as follows:

Data item	Questionnaire	item
Sex	9	
Race	10	
Ethnic origin	11	
Age	12	
Highest degree earned	1a	
Average years of experie	ence	
As a principal	5a+5b	
Other el/sec admin.	5 <b>c</b>	
Teaching	2a	
Other el/sec	5d	
Outside el/sec	5e	
Average salary	7a	
Length of work year	7b	
Benefits received	8	



#### Item response rates

Unweighted item response rates for items used in this analysis are as follows:

	Response	rate(%)
Questionnaire item	Public	Private
9	99.7	99.8
10	98.9	99.2
<b>11</b> <sup>.</sup>	97.2	96.9
12	99.4	99.0
1a	100.0	100.0
5a	100.0	100.0
5b	98.6	98.3
5 <b>c</b>	97.6	97.5
<b>2</b> a	99.7	98.3
5d	94.8	95.9
5 <b>e</b>	94.8	96.1
.7a	97.4	93.3
<sup>'</sup> 7b	99.5	98.6
8	99.5	98.3

## Effects of item nonresponse and missing schools

There was no explicit imputation for item nonresponse and for a small number of schools which were found to be missing from the QED lists of public schools.

Not imputing for item nonresponse leads to a bias in the estimates. In tables 3, 4, 7, and 8, which present averages, the nature of this bias is unknown.

In tables 1, 2, 5, and 6, which present counts, the national estimate for public school administrators (77,890) is underestimated because of missing schools. The details for public school administrators are underestimated because of missing schools and item nonresponse, and the details for private school administrators are underestimated because of item nonresponse.

However, since the item response rates for jtems used in this analysis are all high (all items but those on salary had a response rate of at least 95 percent), bias in the estimates attributable to item nonresponse is not considered to be substantial.

Following the data collection, a comparison of SASS public school estimates with NCES' Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey of the Common Core of Data (CCD) series revealed SASS estimates for some States that were considerably lower than CCD counts. Upon further examination it was discovered that the QED frame did not include all small Class 1 public school districts and that the QED definition of school varied somewhat from the CCD definition. Class 1 districts include only elementary schools, and



For Nebraska a comparison of the QED and CCD counts indicated there were about 275 of these districts, with an average of about 10.2 students per district. The small number of students per district suggests that these were, for the most part, one-school districts. Because of these missing schools the SASS national count of public school administrators and the count for Nebraska, in particular, are underestimated. As with the effects of nonimputation for item nonresponse, the effect of these missing schools on the nature of the bias for averages is unknown.

Large numbers of Class 1 districts were not found in other States. Therefore, much of the remaining discrepancies between SASS State estimates of public school counts and CCD State counts may be attributable to the difference between QED and CCD definitions of a school. This difference is discussed below in the section on Definitions.

## Differences between administrator and school estimates

Estimates of the numbers of administrators shown in this report will differ somewhat from estimates of the numbers of schools. (Estimates of the numbers of schools will appear in subsequent reports.) These differences are attributable, largely, to small numbers of schools which reported not having an administrator.<sup>2</sup>

#### Standard errors

The estimates in these tables are based on samples and are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors were estimated using a balanced repeated replications procedure that incorporates the design features of this complex sample survey. The standard errors provide indications of the accuracy of each estimate. If all possible samples of the same size were surveyed under the same conditions, an interval of 1.96 standard errors below to 1.96 standard errors above a particular statistic would include the universe value in approximately 95 percent of the cases. Note, however, that the standard errors in the tables do not take into account the effects of biases due to item nonresponse, measurement error, data processing error, or other systematic error.



State estimates of the numbers of schools which reported not having an administrator were calculated and added to the State estimates of the numbers of administrators to obtain a total for each State. Inspection of the data indicated that these State totals were comparable to the corresponding State estimates of the number of schools.

#### Definitions

#### QED definition of school

The QED generally defines a school in terms of "building" as opposed to "administrative unit". For example, in most instances the QED counts an elementary school and a secondary school housed in one building as one school. In those States which house more than one administrative unit in a building, the QED count of schools is lower than the State count of schools reported on NCES's Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe survey of the Common Core of Data (CCD) series, because the CCD definition of school is in terms of administrative unit. Since the SASS made use of the QED file (the latest version of the CCD universe file was not available at the time the school sample was drawn), there are a number of instances in which the SASS estimates for States are lower than the CCD counts. Those states for which the SASS estimates of the number of schools are considerably lower than the CCD counts are Nebraska (about 31 percent lower), North Dakota (about 30 percent lower), and South Dakota (about 28 percent lower).

Further constraints applied in defining public and private schools were as follows:

#### Public schools

- -Instruction had to be provided to students in at least one of grades kindergarten to grade 12. Private schools
  - -Instruction had to be provided to students in at least one of grades 1-12.
  - -Instruction could not be in a private home.

    (If it could not be determined that instruction was not in a private home, the school had to have at least 10 students or more than one teacher.)

#### Class 1 school district

A school district that maintains only elementary grades under the direction of a single school board.



#### Region

The geographical regions used by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

#### West

Montana
Idaho
Wyoming
Colorado
New Mexico
Arizona
Utah
Nevada
Washington
Oregon
California
Alaska
Hawaii

#### Midwest

Ohio
Indiana
Illinois
Michigan
Wisconsin
Minnesota
Iowa
Missouri
North Dakota
South Dakota
Nebraska
Kansas

#### Northeast

Maine
New Hampshire
Vermont
Massachusetts
Rhode Island
Connecticut
New York
New Jersey
Pennsylvania

#### South

Delaware Maryland District of Columbia Virginia West Virginia North Carolina South Carolina Georgia Florida Kentucky Tennessee Alabama Mississippi Arkansas Louisiana Oklahoma Texas





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## SCHOOLS AND STAFFING SURVEY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR QUESTIONNAIRE

1987-1988

OMB No. 1850-0621 Approval Expires December 31, 1988

This report is authorized by law (20 U.S.C. 1221e-1). Your enswers will be kept strictly confidential. Results from this survey will appear in summary or statistical form only, so that neither individuals nor schools can be identified.

RETURN TO . Bureau of the Census Current Projects Branch 1201 East Tenth Street Jeffersonvills, IN 47132

**Dear Principal:** 

The Center for Education Statistics (CES) of the U.S. Department of Education requests your participation in the School Administrator Survey for the 1987–88 Schools and Staffing Survey. Your school is one of 9,300 public and 3,500 private schools across the Nation selected to be in the sample.

The Schools and Staffing Survey is an integrated set of surveys consisting of the Teacher Demand and Shortage Survey, the School and School Administrator Surveys, and the Teacher Survey. These surveys are revisions of previous CES surveys, designed to better measure critical aspects of teacher supply and demand, the composition of the administrator and teacher workforce, and the status of teaching and schooling generally. The purpose of the School Administrator Survey is to obtain information about the training, experience, and professional background of school principals.

The U.S. Bureau of the Census is conducting the surveys for the Center for Education Statistics by the authority of Section 406(b) of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended (20 USC 1221e). The data will be treated as confidential and will be reported only in statistical summaries that preclude the identification of any individual or school participating in the surveys.

We are conducting this survey with a sample of schools. While this minimizes overall response burden, the value of each individual survey response is greatly increased because it represents many other principals. I, therefore, encourage you to participate in this voluntary survey by completing this questionnaire and returning it within 2 weeks to the Bureau of the Census. A preaddressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

I thank you for your cooperation in this very important effort.

Sincerely,

Emerson J. Elliott

Director

Center for Education Statistics

Enclosure

Please correct any error in name and address including ZIP Code.





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b.	Student absenteeism	Ь.	088	10	2 🗆	3 []		40
c.	Teacher absenteelsm	c.	089	10	2 🗇			
d.	Students cutting class	d.	090			30		4 🗆
•.	Physical conflicts among students	╁╌	091	, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	2 🗆	3 🗆		40
•	Robbery or theft	••	092	10	2 🗆	3 🗆		4 🗆
-		1.		10	2 🗆	3 🗆		40
-	Vandalism of school property	0.	093	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆		40
-	Student pregnancy	h.	094	1	2 🗆	<b>\$</b> 🗆		40
1.	Student use of alcohol	ì.	095	, 🗆	2 🗍	3 🗆		40
	Student drug abuse	J.	096	10			**************************************	
k. 9	Student possession of weapons	k.	097	10	<u> </u>	3 🗆		40
1. 1	Physical abuse of teachers	1.	098		······································	• 🗆		40
m. \	/erbal abuse of teachers		099	10	3 🗆 💮	3 🗆		40
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15a	Does this school heve a formal teacher evaluation program?	100		] Yes ] No				الما وي وموسونيات		
b	Does this echool have e particular program to help beginning teachers (e.g., e mester or mentor teacher program)?	101		] Yes ] No						
16.	Using the scele 1-6, indicate how much ACTUAL influence you think each group or person has on decisions concerning the following activities —	 	No		rk the a	propriate	box on e	ach line.)	A	
	· Establishing curriculum	i !	Nu	ne				-	greet deel	
ĺ	(1) School district/Governing board	102	1	]	2 🗆	•□	4 🗆	в 🔲	• 🗆	
	(2) Principel/Heed	103	1 [	)	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆	s 🗀	• 🗆	
	(3) Teachers	104	1 [	)	2 🗆	<b>3</b> 🗆	4 🗆	6 🗆	6 🗆	
b	. Hiring new full-time teachers	1		~	**** *********************************				<del></del>	
	(1) School district/Governing board	105	1 [	ت 	2 🗀	<b>a</b> 🗆	4 🗆	<b>6</b>	• 🗆	
	(2) Principel/Head	108	1 [	<u> </u>	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆	<b>6</b> 🗆	6 🗆	
	(3) Teechere	107	1 [	)	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆	<b>5</b> 🖸	•□	
C	. Setting discipline policy	; ;								
Ì	(1) School district/Governing board	108	1 🗆	)	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆	5 🗔	<b>6</b>	
	(2) Principel/Head	109	1 🗆	)	2 🗆	<b>3</b> 🗆	4 🗆	6 🗆	•□	
<u> </u>	(3) Teechers	110	1	] 	2 🗀	<b>3</b> 🗆	4 🗆	6 🗆	•□	
<b>17.</b>	In general, how difficult was it to find qualified applicants to fill teaching vacancies for the 1987-88 echool year?  Mark (X) only one box.	111 1 Not at all difficult 2 Generally difficult 3 Difficult in some fields — Specify with 18  4 Does not apply; there were no								
40		 		Vaca	cancies — Skip to Item 19					
18.	If a teaching vecancy could not be filled with a full-time teacher quelified in a course or grade level, which of the following methods did this school use to cover the vacancy?  Mark (X) all that apply.	113	112 1 Cancelled planned course offerings  113 2 Expanded some class sizes  114 3 Added sections to other teachers' normal teaching loads							
		116	4	Assiç level	ned a te	eacher of those cl	another s	ubject or	grade	
		116	s 🗆	Used	long-te	rm and/o	short-ter	m substit	utes	
		117					rant teach	ners		
		118	7 🗆	Some	ething el	56 — Spe	cify 7			



19. What is the telephone number and the time when you can be reached in case we have to clarify any of your answers?	119 Name (Please print)							
	120 Telephone number (/	Area code and nu	mber)					
	Day(s) end time(s) it would be convenient to contact you, if necessary							
20. Enter date you completed this questionnaire.	Month	Day	Year					
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THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING L YOUR TIME AND EF	US IN THIS IMPORTANT FORT ARE APPRECIATE	RESEARCH.						
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